

Burning Woodlands No Aid In Controlling Farm Insects

It would appear that North Carolina farmers who for years have been burning their woods and fields in the belief that this burning helps to destroy harmful insects, such as ticks and boll weevils, and otherwise helps their land, are all wrong, according to Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick in charge of forest fire control in the department of conservation and development. The U. S. department of Agriculture in Washington, through its bureau of entomology and plant quarantine, has recently informed F. A. Silcox, chief of the U. S. forest service, that it does not recommend the burning of woodlands as a means of controlling plant pests and insects, Mr. McCormick said.

In a letter written to Chief Silcox of the U. S. forest service by Lee A. Strong, chief of the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine of the U. S. department of agriculture, Mr. Strong says: "In official statements issued by the bureau there are no general recommendations for burning as an aid in controlling plant pests. In a few instances, such measures have been outlined, but such recommendations are always accompanied by precautionary statements."

The letter contains comments from various divisions within the bureau, among which are the following:

Division of forest insect investigation: "This division does not recommend the use of broadcast burning of forest areas or other woodlands for the control of forest insects. . . . The present tendency is to develop new methods of controlling or preventing bark beetle outbreaks without the use of fire."

Division of insects affecting men and animals: "This division does not recommend the use of fire in

the control of ticks and fire ants, nor does it recommend the burning of woods for the control of the screw worm or other insects affecting man and animals. There are many stockmen and others who firmly believe and advocate the burning of pastures, which may involve wooded areas, for the control of various species of ticks and chiggers. Some evidence is at hand that such burning accomplishes the destruction of large numbers of these pests, though careful experiments to determine the effectiveness of fire on these insects have not been conducted. . . . We have never suggested the use of fire in connection with the control of fire ants and it is our opinion that it has no place in combating those pests. Until the use of fire in the control of ticks, chiggers, and other insects . . . has been established, we shall not recommend the use of this medium."

Division of cereal and forage insect investigation: "The burning of woodlands is no longer recommended by us for the control of the chinch bug or any other insect with which this division is concerned."

Comments with regard to the boll weevil and cotton insects: "The use of fire is sometimes recommended as an aid in the control of the boll weevil. In such instances it is urged that burning be restricted to places where the fire can be kept under control so as not to endanger trees or buildings."

"The above statements from federal experts on the subject of the use of fire by farmers should convince North Carolina farmers that the burning of their fields and woods is of no value in controlling insect pests and that such practices should be discontinued," McCormick said. "The farmer who uses fire to destroy insects loses far more cash values through damaged tree growth and soil fertility than he gains by the destruction of a few insects."

Warmer Days Bring Picnic Excursions

"Let's have a picnic" is an expression practically every homemaker will hear more than once this summer, says Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant extension nutritionist at State college.

And when the family calls for one of these out-of-door excursions, it means the housewife must produce a tasty lunch that all members of the family will enjoy.

In planning for a lunch, the homemaker should think beyond bread and meat and potato chips or potato salad. Just like any other meals, a good variety of food is advisable.

Perhaps the family would like hamburger cakes broiled over an open fire. Or they may prefer bacon. Then, there are "kabobs", those tempting morsels of meat at the size of one good picnic bite, which are slipped on a stick, then follows a slice of onion, then another bit of meat, and so on. Any kind of meat may be used—beef, veal, pork, lamb, and others.

Other families may prefer weiners, the old picnic stand-by, roasted over an open fire. A piece of cheese wrapped in a piece of bacon can be cooked the same way. With a frying pan along, scrambled eggs—or even scrambled eggs and bacon—may be cooked.

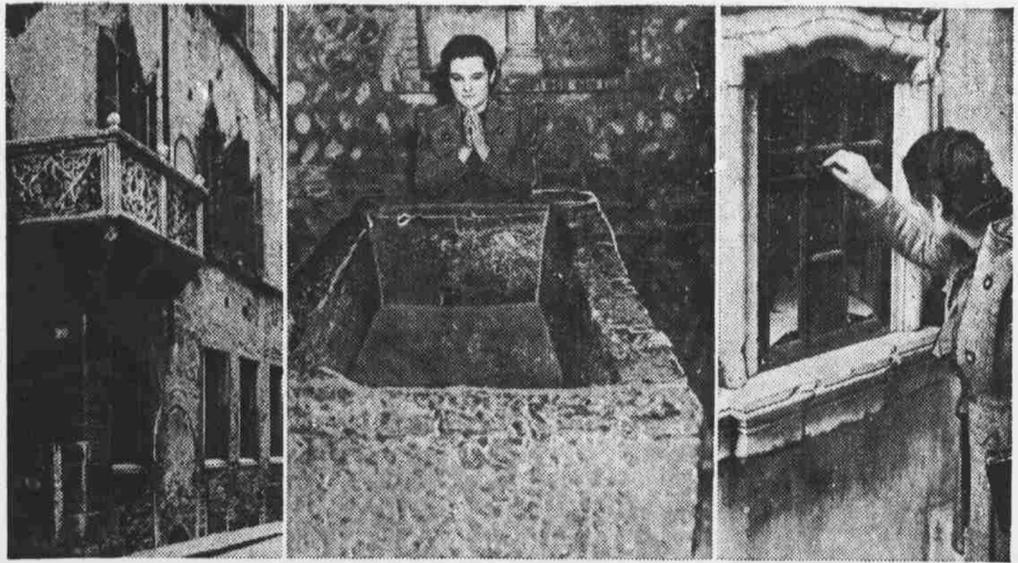
Then there are other hot dishes that go well at a picnic which can be cooked at home. Some of these are scalloped potatoes, baked beans, chicken stew, meat loaf, and Brunswick stew. These foods can be kept hot for some time by wrapping them in several thicknesses of paper.

Miss Brooks also advises the inclusion of green vegetables to give crispness to the picnic lunch. Tender lettuce, radishes, and young onions are growing in many North Carolina gardens at this season of the year. By combining a number of these, a vegetable salad could be provided.

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Graduating Exercises Held At Rabun Gap

The annual graduating exercises of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee Junior College and the Rabun Gap High School were held Monday, May 29, in the auditorium of the Head of Tennessee Baptist church at Dillard, Ga. The principal address was given by Mrs. Frank A. Dennis of Eatonton, Ga., former president of the Georgia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In his introductory address, President A. J. Ritchie praised the organization represented by Mrs. Dennis, and extolled the work done by her and the organization in the development of the Francis Bartow Memorial Tract, during her administration as president. The tract is an adjunct of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee Farm Settlement.

A formal presentation of gifts from the graduating classes to the school was made by a representative from each class. John Judd, Jr., of Tampa, Fla., presented a pool fountain recently constructed on the inner campus by the senior class of the high school. James Haynes presented the contract for a scholarship loan fund begun by the sophomore class of the junior college department. President A. J. Ritchie accepted these gifts in behalf of the school.

Honors and diplomas were awarded by Dean H. L. Fry. Wayne Varner, of Ashland, Ga., was first honor graduate from the junior college department, and Virginia Shepard, of Franklin, won first honors in the high school. Citizenship medals were awarded James Haynes, of Clermont, and Sue Coleman, of Midville, Ga., in the junior college, and to William Turner, of Atlanta, and Virginia Shepard, of Franklin, in the high school. Athletic medals went to Bernard Adair, of Franklin, and Louise Wilson, Covington, Ga. Vocational medals were awarded Edith Amason, of Darien, Ga.;

William Turner, of Atlanta, Ga.; Frances Fry and Ralph Nicholson, of Rabun Gap, Ga.

FEATURED

Governor and Mrs. Clyde Hoey will again be featured on the Farm and Home Week program, the annual State college event to be held this year July 31-August 4.

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